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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD PROVIDING IMPROVED DATA  
COMPRESSION *VIA* WAVELET COEFFICIENT ENCODING

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**REPLY TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY DATED JANUARY 10, 2005**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of December 17, 2004, where it was agreed that a modified version of independent claims 1, 10 and 16 would overcome the cited prior art thereby making claims 1, 3-10, 12-16 and 18-22 allowable. In particular, the Examiner agreed that incorporating the "contiguous" limitation of dependent claims 2, 11 and 17 would

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overcome the prior art cited in the Office Action dated November 19, 2004, Chui *et al* (U.S. 6,343,155) as well as the newly cited prior art, Jeong (U.S. 6,831,946) that was presented and discussed during the interview. Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended in the Reply to Final Office Action dated December 17, 2004 as well as in the Examiner's Amendment dated January 10, 2005 to further emphasize novel aspects of the subject invention.

No fees are believed to be due. In the event any fees are deemed to be due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

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